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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF _____ :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST _____ :
_____ : ORDER ACCEPTING SURRENDER
JULIE E. VAN PUFFELEN, RN, _____ :
RESPONDENT _____ :

On June 6, 2003, the board filed its Final decision and Order in the above-captioned matter, by which Ms. Puffelen's license was suspended for an indefinite period. The Order provided that Ms. Puffelen could apply for consecutive three month stays of the suspension at any time following submission of acceptable documentation of successful completion of a Caregiver Rehabilitation Review with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, and proof of satisfactory compliance with the terms and conditions set forth below for a period of three months immediately preceding the Respondent's application for a stay. In conjunction with the initial application for a stay of suspension, Respondent must submit proof of satisfactory participation in a chemical dependence treatment program acceptable to the Board. Stays shall be granted for a period of three months, conditioned upon compliance with the conditions and limitations outlined below.

Respondent must continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board as Respondent's Supervising Health Care Provider shall determine to be appropriate for Respondent's rehabilitation. The rehabilitation program must include and Respondent must participate in individual and/or group therapy sessions for the first year of the stayed suspension upon a schedule as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than once weekly.

Respondent must attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals, upon a frequency as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than one meeting per week

Respondent must participate in a drug and alcohol monitoring program approved by the board. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the approved program shall require the testing of urine specimens at a frequency of not less than 60 times each year.

Until otherwise ordered by the Board, Respondent is restricted from access to or administration of controlled substances in her work setting, and respondent may practice only in settings where she works under direct supervision by another nurse or other licensed health care professional. Respondent must refrain from nursing employment as a charge nurse, nursing employment as a pool nurse, and nursing employment as a visiting nurse or other home care practitioner

Finally, Respondent must arrange for her therapist and her nursing employer to provide formal written reports assessing Respondent's progress in therapy and work performance.

On June 6, 2003, the board considered Ms. Van Puffelen's request for a three month stay of the suspension. The

board also considered that Ms. Van Puffelen has not as yet submitted acceptable documentation of successful completion of a Caregiver Rehabilitation Review with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The board denied the stay until evidence of successful completion was received.

On July 9, 2003, it came to the attention of the board that Ms. Van Puffelen had successfully completed the Caregiver Rehabilitation Review. The board, by board Chair Linda M. Sanner, therefore granted a three month stay of the suspension.

On November 7, 2003, the board considered Ms. Van Puffelen’s letter of October 24, 2003. In her letter, Ms. Van Puffelen indicates that she has accepted non-nursing employment, and therefore wishes to surrender her license. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Board of Nursing hereby accepts the voluntary surrender of the license of Julie E. Van Puffelen to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, R.N.

Chair